

Remarks

Claims 7-8 and 10-15 are pending, and have been finally rejected. The limitations of Claim 9 have been incorporated within Claim 7, and Claim 9 has been canceled.

As requested, new FIGURE 4 is provided, showing the sliding block connection described in the specification as originally filed. Applicants apologize for the delay in providing this drawing to the Examiner; the French draftsman was apparently sick, and there were inadvertent communication difficulties resulting in delay.

The § 102 anticipation rejection in light of Farrell (U.S. Patent No. 5,246,329) is respectfully traversed. With Farrell, a first cable element (122) is adapted to move the pivot platform (78) and the frame (72) in a first direction, while a second cable element (126) is adapted to move the platform in a second direction, via the frame (72) which has pulleys near its first end (74a), as shown in Farrell FIGURES 7 and 8. The Farrell device is more complicated than the present invention as it requires, in addition to the foregoing, a positioning frame (70) and a tilt frame (40).

Farrell clearly fails to disclose the limitations of former Claim 9, now incorporated into independent Claim 7. This is because with Farrell, each of the first and second cable elements are not moved by the pulley/cylinder rod arrangement. Instead, only the pulley associated with cable 122 is. As to the pulleys associated with cables 126 – those responsible for moving

platform 78 in the second direction, as discussed above – these pulleys are not arranged “on a shaft” but instead are attached to second cross-members 46b of tilt frame 40 (col. 4, last 3 lines of Farrell).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an allowance of pending Claims 7-8 and 10-15.

Respectfully submitted,

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